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Beginning January 1, 1991 the Kalifornski will become a quarterly newsletter. Scheduled to be printed the following months: January, April, July and October.

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We need your help in providing interesting tidbits, whether they are informative (recipes, songs or historical news) or just plain fun (positive local gossip, jokes or poems).

We know there is a lot of enthusiastic members just waiting for the chance to participate. Well, here it is... CATHER UP YOUR IDEAS and call 724-1284.

We hope to here from you!

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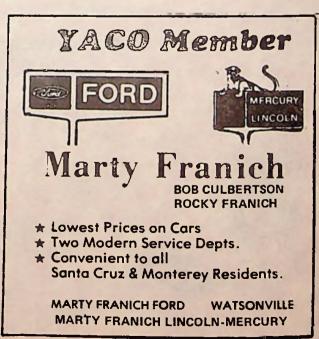
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Potpourri

by Babe Brautovich Hill

First on the menu will be the Christmas Dinner. Please don't forget to call either Nina or myself for your reservations. There was some confusion about the date but that should be all ironed out by now. It will be on SATURDAY the eighth (8th) of December. I know we have always had our functions on the first Sundays, but that date was not available. Anyhow, the doors will be open at five, Santa at six, and dinner at seven. Please let me know how many children you will be bringing. NEWS FLASH!!! The music will be by the BZs — that is Biskup, Zadravec, Zalac – and we hope that John Selak will play his Ljerica. I think we can talk John and Judy Biskup to dance for us. The cost of the dinner will be \$5.00 for under twelves, and \$10.00 for everyone else. Libations will be available at the VFW bar. Please come one and all. Let's set off this year's Holiday Season with a good showing. Last year was good, but we were all still a bit shakey, so let's show Mother Nature that she no longer scares us (maybe) To those of you who were not at the last meeting, Ann Soldo has agreed to chair the new project YACO has taken on. That will be a book for the local Historical Museum on the local Slavs and their contribution to the community. So she may be calling on some of you for your input. Thanks, Ann. I'm sure it will take a year or two but we will all help as much as we can. Just call On the Good Thoughts and Positive Energy list: Mary Gizdich, Jo Puhera, Lucille Bechis, Anna Jurach. Everyone please be well for the Dinner Dining at the Miramar: the Hills, Zupans, Bechis, Miloslavich, and a houseful that I didn't know. GOOD EATING, folks. Try it, you'll love it.

SRETAN ROĐENDAN

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tooodle . . . ooo. See you at the December Dinner. OOPS: Familiar faces at the meeting:

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Thanks for coming

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Before serving sprinkle with Parmesan Cheese.

Bake

STEAM RICE:

2 cups water and 1 package of Dry Onion Soup Bring to a boil. Add one cup rice Bring to a boil, then turn down to simmer Cover and steam 25 minutes.

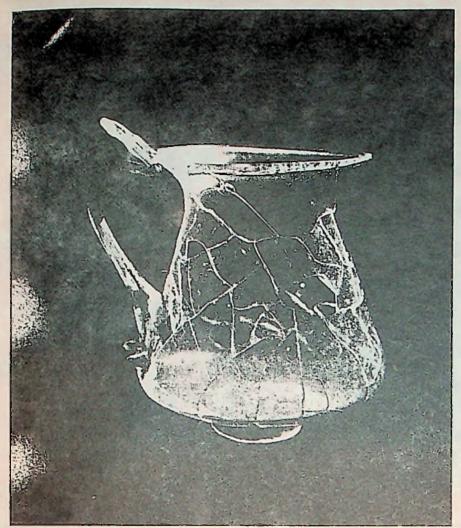
TOSS GREEN SALAD 1 GLASS OF WINE (or 2) FRENCH BREAD

VOILA!!! - DINNER FIT FOR A KING!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU -

AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU BETTER AND BETTER AND BETTER FOR YOU, YOUR LOVED ONES AND FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR AND SEE YOU AT THE YACO DINNER







THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE OF LJUBLJANA

BY ALEKSANDAR VASIĆ

The area of Ljubljana, capital of the Republic of Slovenia is known to have been settled in prehistoric times, long before the Roman city of Æmona grew up on the same site. Until recently not much was known about it, mainly because there had not been much investigation of the territory on which these remains of prehistoric culture lie. It is only in the last twenty years or so that archaeologists have carried out intensive exploration of the area around Ljubljana and discovered information which confirms theories on the existence of various prehistoric

cultures here. There was, for example, the culture characterized by the custom of cremation of the dead which existed in what is now the centre of Ljubljana in the 11th century B.C. and reached its culmination in the 9th and 8th centuries B.C. Naturally, it was not the only such

Vessel made of green glass (1st - 2nd century). Photos: D. Manoley

Pottery lamp with a triangular holder (1st century).

Bronze figure of a ram (Late Roman period)

culture on the territory of Slovenia. Early Iron-Age cultures grew up alongside it, notably at Vače, Stična, Novo mesto and Libna. The discovery of graves dating from 600 to 500 B C. provides reliable evidence of the preservation of the old Illyrian tradition in this period. What happened was that the indigenous people of these areas adopted all the technical innovations brought by new settlers, yet retained their spiritual traditions. For example, they never accepted skeletal burial, but remained true to their ancient custom of cremation.





Glass gobiet (2nd century).

Bronze figure of Venus (2nd century).

Geo-economic and climatic conditions favoured the development of life on the territory of present-day Ljubljana from earliest times. Communication with central Europe made it possible for life to flourish in these regions after the prehistoric period, in fact, right down to the present day. The same routes have been used throughout the ages. To the north the high Alps served as a natural line of defence; to the east the Sava and Drava valleys gave easy access to the Danube which, in turn, provided a way to the Black Sea; and to the west it was a simple matter to reach fertile northern Italy. To the south it was possible to reach the Adriatic Sea extremely quickly. No wonder, then, that in Roman times the settlement of Æmona grew into a powerful economic, strategic and administrative centre.

In the 1st and 2nd centuries A.D. the structure of Æmona's population was predominantly craft and administrative. Tombstones which have been discovered testify to the presence not only of professional soldiers — legionaries — and the native population, but of a number of colonisers from northern Italy, many of

them veterans. In return for twenty years' loyal service in the army, they were given land around Æmona, a pension and slaves to work the land As a result, these veterans were able to turn their attention to political affairs in the town. In addition, there were the active legionaries already mentioned. Written historical sources tell us that in the year 14 A.D. there were three legions posted in Nauport. It was their job to build bridges, roads and fortifications for the towns. Probably their first task on arrival was to repair the old prehistoric road which led from Aquileia to Carnuntum, and the road running from Æmona via Siscia (Sisak) to Sırmıum (Sremska Mitrovica). It is known that one of the legions stationed in Æmona was the 15th Legio Apollinaris. Another duty of this legion was to prevent raids into Italy along the roads it controlled. When Tiberius succeeded Augustus as emperor, the first thing he did was to reorganise Roman defense lines in Pannonia. Because of the war with Maroboduus he transferred the 15th legion from Æmona to Carnuntum. Evidence indicates that this legion built military fortifications in both towns:

according to a document dating from the 1st century, during the reign of Augustus, the fortress of Æmona housed prisoners belonging to the Breuci and Amantinci tribes. Archaeologists have revealed that the military garrison in Æmona was not a large one, in view of the fact that the centre of army operations was concentrated in lower Posavina (Sava valley).

In the oldest layers of Æmona's fortifications Roman arms have been found, particularly the *umba* (shield) and *piluma* (short spear). Also discovered were trenches and ramparts from Augustan times as well as several tombstones from the same period. One of the most important is that of Tito lunio Montano, a legion commander.

Trades and crafts were highly developed in Æmona. Those which have







In the 3rd century A.D., Æmona was struck by a great and as yet unexplained disaster. Herodian reported that in 238 units of Maximinus Traxus came to Æmona and found it burnt to the ground. According to one theory, the inhabitants of Æmona themselves destroyed and set fire to the city. However, it was soon rebuilt, this time with a water supply and central heating system. This is confirmed by historical sources which speak of



Fragmented glass vessel with ribbed decoration.

Pottery ritual vessel (1st - 2nd century).

Bronze vessel with relief of a tiger and lion hunt (Late Roman period).

Æmona's participation in the war between Licinius and Constantine in 314. The discovery of coins points to the presence of Alaric's West Goths in this area in 401. Unrest reached its peak in 452 when the Huns, moving towards Italy, seem to have devastated Æmona. After this, Æmona came under the East Goths and slowly began to rebuild its fallen battlements and public buildings. The last rulers of the ancient city of Æmona were the Byzantines.

Archaeological explorations in the Ljubljana suburb of Dravlje have brought to light about 60 tombstones dating from the period of Gothic domination, and a number of objects testifying to the wealth of the inhabitants of Æmona: necklets, earrings, rings, belt fastenings, etc. The Goths, did not stay long in these parts: their departure in 536—538 marks the end

of occupation of this region. Æmona was ruled by the Byzantines for a short period, to be succeeded by the Langobards, who remained to the end of the 6th century.

After them came the Slavs

Up to 1961 archaeological exploration in the Ljubljana area was too limited to bring to light the wealth of cultural monuments this area concealed. That year extensive construction work on the new Revolution Square threatened to destroy the remains of large building complexes from Æmona's most flourishing period. Thanks to the collaboration of archaeologists, town planners and investors, this cultural treasure was saved, 1961 also saw the passing of a law on the protection of cultural monuments on the city territory. Under this law, construction work is forbidden in some parts of the town and in others archaeologists must be consulted and give their approval before such work begins. If the archaeologists feel that construction work would destroy some cultural monuments, then the building intended for that location must be re-sited somewhere else where it will do no harm.

TABLE OF PRONUNCIATION AND THE ALPHABETS

			Cyrillic	
Latin	Approximate pronunciation		Printed	Cursive
A a	a in father	Ex. mama (mum)	A a	Aa
Вь	as English b	brat (brother)	б	B &
Cc	ts in cats	Car (Emperor)	Ц	ay us
Čč	ch in church	čaj (tea)	ч	4 10
Ċċ	roughly tj	kuća (house)	ħ	76 %
Dd	as English d	da (yes)	A	2 4
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Ðđ	roughly dj	đak (pupil)	ħ	13 2 E
E c	e in bed	krevet (bcd)	e	E 2
Fſ	as English f	fotografija	ф	¥
Gg	as English g	govoriti (to speak)	r	
H h	ch in loch	hvala (thank you)	x	X no
I i	e in he	ili (or)	H	W w
Jj	y in yes	Jugoslavija	j	7 1
Kk	as English k	k <u>i</u> no (cinema)	к	JK K
LI	as English I	lijep (beautiful)	Λ	d or
Lj lj	ll in million	ljubav (love)	A	N 31
M m	as English m	molim (please)	M	M si
Nn	as English n	ne (no)	п	HN
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Pp	as English p	pjęsma (song)	П	Ti T
Rr	rolled	rt (headland)	P	Pr
Ss	ss in bless	sestra (sister)	С	L L
Šš	sh in shy	<i>šlj<u>i</u>va</i> (plum)	ш	W in
Tι	as English t	trg (square)	T	M in
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DATES, MONTHS AND SEASONS

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1911. April. April (w: Travanj). A-preel (w: TRA-van).

1912. May. Maj (w: Svibanj). ma _ee (w: SVEE-ban').

1913. June. Jun (w: Lipanj). yoon (w: LEE-pan").

1914. July. Jul (w: Srpanj). yool (w: SUR-pan').

1915. August. Avgust (w: Kolovoz). AV-goost (w: KO-lo-voz).

1916. September. Septembar (w: Rujan). SEP-tem-bar (w: ROO-yan).

1917. October. Oktobar (w: Listopad). OK-to-har (w: LEE-sto-pad).

1918. November. Novembar (w: Studeni). NO-vem-bar (w: STOO-de-nec).

1919. December. Decembar (w: Prosinac). DE-tsem-bar (w: PRO-see-nats).

1920. Spring. Prolece. PRO-le-t'e.

1921. Summer. Leto. LE-to.

1922. Autume (OR: Fail) Jesen. YE-sen.

1923. Winter. Zima. ZEE-ma.

1924. Today is the 31st of May, 1987.

Danas je trideset prvi maj hiljadu (w: tisuću) devetsto osamdeset sedme godine.

DA-nas ye TREE-de-set PÜR-vee ma ee HEE-l'a-doo (w: TEE-soo-l'oo) DE-vet-sto o-sam-DE-set SED-me GO-dee-ne

- provided by Estelle Fellows

NOTICE – In upcoming issues of the Kalifornski we will feature excerpts and pictures from "THEY CALLED HIM THE KING OF THE GRAPES"

The Memoirs of Peter J. Divizich

Pajaro Valley Yugoslav family and friends of Peter J. Divizich mentioned in the book include Banovac, Radovich, Jurkovich, Alaga, Mekis, Secondo, Madesko, Scurich and many others.

- the following was submitted by Ann Adams-Brown (we assume taken from the Register-Pajaronian)

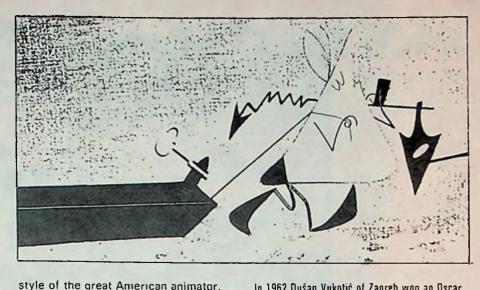
BIG NIGHT FOR YACO

Over 100 people attended a dinner at the Miramar restaurant Nov. 19 when the Yugoslav-American Cultural Organization was honored for its part in preserving and continuing the culture and traditions of the Yugoslav people.

The honors were made jointly by Vanja Vranjican, the president of "Matica Iseljjenika," an organization in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, that tries to preserve the ties between the old country and the new; Nikola Jelincic from Matica in Split, Yugoslavia and the island of Brac; Consul General and Mrs. Bozidar Ristic; and Vice Consul and Mrs. Ivica Gaspic from the Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco.

The birthdays of Nick Derpich and Mrs. Harry Adams also were celebrated during the evening.

he Yugoslav animated film industry is 60 years old. It was one of the earliest branches of the film industry to start in Yugoslavia and has one of the biggest collections of films to its credit. Many consider it to be the highest artistic achievement of Yugoslav cinematography. Certainly, it is the most important film ambassador of Yugoslav culture abroad. It started to develop in Zagreb in 1922, thanks to the short animated commercials of Sergio Tagatzo. In 1929, also in Zagreb, a 300 metre-long cartoon film Martin Takes to the Sky (Martin u nebo) was produced. This was



Stephen Bosustow. Even today, cartoonists use the thirteen short cartoon commercials produced by Dušan Vukotič in 1954—55 when examining the possibilities and prospects of so-called reduced animation, an anti-Disney model on which the whole evolution of the contemporary animated film industry is based.

All this leads up to 1956 when a special cartoon film studio was established within the Zagreb-Film company. The best achievements of that year brought the first diplomas from foreign film festivals -Oberhausen and Berlin — for Nikola Kostelac's First Night (Premijera) and Dušan Vukotić's Cowbov Jimmy In other words, Zagreb's breakthrough onto the international avantgarde animated film scene had taken twelve vears. In Venice in 1958 Vatroslav Mimica's Single (Samac) won the Grand Prix. This was followed by a series of cartoon masterpieces which have toured and are still touring world film festivals and have found a place in all annals of the so-called "eighth art".

Amazed by the early successes of 1957 and 1958, French film critics, Georges Sadoul and André Martin invented a special label for the Yugoslav cartoonists and their work. So it was that at the Cannes and Tours festivals they were christened the "Zagreb School" of animated films. This term is in use even today, referring more nowadays to the specific characteristics shared by a whole group of world cartoonists.

The "Zagreb School" has so far produced three generations of animated film-makers. The first generation (1957—1963) includes Kostelac, Vukotić, Mimica, and Kristl — four masters of their craft whose work still claims the attention of cartoon film aesthetes and theorists. The Oscar Vukotić was awarded for Surrogate in 1962 was, in

In 1962 Dušan Vukotić of Zagreb won an Oscar for his animated film »Surrogate«.

ANIMATED FILMS
BY RANKO MUNITIC

followed by a rich and varied production of cartoons and animated commercials between 1931 and 1936.

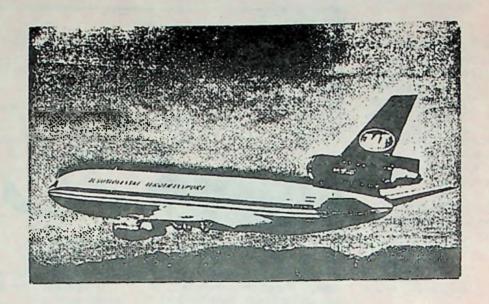
It was not until 1945, however, after Yugoslavia had been liberated, that Yugoslavia had been liberated, that Yugoslavia had been liberated an organised, continuous and truly creative expansion. In that year, the Neugebauer brothers produced their rather crude and uneven, yet clearly enthusiastic three-minute animated advertisement All to the Polls (Svi na izbore) This film was but one link in the uninterrupted chain of animated films created by talented artists from all Yugoslav film studios.

The productive and creative growth of animated films in Zagreb is perhaps the most extraordinary phenomenon in Yugoslavia's entire film industry. Between 1945 and 1951, amateur enthusiasts in Zagreb managed to solve technological and drawing problems in this complex film inedium completely on their own, without any experience or help and with a minimum of resources. In 1951—52, the classical Disney-type figural animation predominated, while in 1954—55 cartoon artists came closer to the more modern

a sense, the logical culmination of a long list of prizes and awards gained at all the leading world film festivals. The second generation, starting from 1964, is best represented by Dovnikovic. Dragic, Marks, Jutris, Bourek, Kolar, Grgić, Vunak, and others. Their work was further enriched by such masterpieces by Vukotić as A Blot on His Conscience (Mrlja na savesti) (1968). Ars gratia artis (1970), and The Grasshopper (1975). With the onset of the seventies comes the third generation, whose aim was to try and reach the great heights attained by previous members of the "Zagreb School".

Apart from Zagreb, however, animated films started to develop in Ljubljana (1960), Sarajevo (1961), Belgrade (1963), Skopje (1964), and Novi Sad (1968). Several talented animators from these centres have equalled the achievements of the "Zagreb School" and earned an international reputation. In this way, cartoonists from these other centres are helping to expand and cement the world reputation of the Yugoslav "eighth art". We should particularly mention Majdak, Sajtinac, Petričić, and more especially Zoran Jovanović, whom many regard as one of the most interesting Yugoslav cartoonists. (They are all from Belgrade).

Gligorovski, and, even more, Darko Marković, have helped to place Skopje on the cartoon map. Marković received an award at the Montreux (Switzerland) TV Festival for his 40-minute TV cartoon show. This year he has been invited to participate again, his entry this time being a half-hour TV cartoon programme.





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A year-around series of programs and events has proven an enjoyable way for YACO to provide its focus on Slavic heritage. Such activities include picnics, lectures and slide presentations on Yugoslavia and its historic culture, plus potluck and sitdown dinners. We also publish a monthly newsletter, THE KALIFORNSKI, full of interesting articles, recipes, and news of our area's Yugoslav community.

Our meetings (the first Sunday of each month) may include a potluck, special dinner, films, dancing, and raffles, plus we hold an annual July barbeque.

Won't you accept our invitation to join us? We're sure you'll soon find YACO to be one of your favorite clubs.

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Phone number:	
Interests:	
Yugoslav Background:	
Children under 18 included in l	Family Membership:

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THE KALIFORNSKI is your publication. If there is anything in particular that you would like to see in any future issues, please don't hesitate to contact us. If you have any subjects relating to Yugoslav heritage or about Yugoslavs, here or abroad, that you would like to share or see published in this newsletter, please let us know. We would appreciate your input in publishing this newsletter each month. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us:

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SUGGESTED TOPICS:

- 1. Trips by YACO members
- 2. Visitors from the Old Country
- 3. Newspaper or magazine articles about Yugoslavia or Yugoslavs, local or abroad
- 4. Weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birth announcements, or special celebrations by YACO members
- 5. Civic or cultural contributions by Yugoslavs
- 6. Yugoslav recipes
- 7. Yugoslav songs, poetry cr stories
- 8. Special family traditions for holidays,
- 9. Yugoslav stories for children
- 10. Anything you think might be of interest to YACO members

NEW DEADLINE

A new DEADLINE has been set for the 10th of each month so that we might get the paper out even earlier. It seems that our members out of Watsonville are not receiving their KALIFORNSKI early enough to plan on attending any of our programs. Members in Watsonville receive their copies at least two days after mailing so it seems to be a problem with a hold up at the post office. If I don't have the information in time, I will not be able to publish it until the next issue. REMEMBER to send me any information by the 10th of each month.

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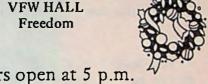
CALENDAR

YACO CHRISTMAS DINNER

— SATURDAY DECEMBER 8th — DECEMBER 8th - SATURDAY



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